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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR--
CYPRUS

1. DURING A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON NOVEMBER 30, AMBASSADOR JAY MENTIONED THAT THEY HAD HEARD THAT TURKEY MIGHT BE MAKING SOME MOVES ON CYPRUS. THE SECRETARY SAID SUCH MOVES COULD COME AT ANY TIME NOW THAT THE GREEK ELECTIONS WERE OVER. AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON SOME WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS SEEMED THE MOST LIKELY FIRST STEP. THIS COULD START THE PROCESS MOVING ON CYPRUS BUT FIRST WE WOULD WANT TO SEE THE FIRST STEPS TAKEN BEFORE SPECULATING FURTHER.

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2. RESPONDING TO JAY'S QUESTION, THE SECRETARY SAID THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AS FAR AS THE TURKS ARE CONCERNED. WE THINK THEY RECOGNIZE THAT WE CANNOT MOVE ON THE DCA UNTIL AND UNLESS THEY MOVE ON CYPRUS. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT CYPRUS IS A DRAG AND FESTERING

SORE AND THAT THEY HAVE LARGER AND MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS
THAN CYPRUS. VANCE

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